Seeds Sold by NSC

*627. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price fixed by the National Seeds Corporation for yielding varieties of seeds are too high and beyond the reach of poor farmers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure reasonable prices for the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Downstream Industries

*629. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up a number of downstream industries at the time of sanction of HBJ pipeline of natural gas;

(b) if so, the list of industries to be set up with anticipated date of their completion;

(c) the estimated utilisation of their installed capacity;

(d) whether any of these industries have since been set up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e). When the HBJ Pipeline was initially approved it was to supply gas to six fertilizer plants. The requirement of gas for these fertilizer plants. The requirement of gas for these fertilizer plants was expected to start between October 1986 and October 1988, and to each of them the allocation is 1.8 MMSCMD. Three of these plants have already been commissioned.

[*Translation*]

Petroleum & Natural Gas Industries in Bihar

*630. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petroleum and natural gas industries functioning in Bihari

(b) the production made in these industries during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up more such industries in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) In the central public sector there is one oil refinery and two LPG Bottling Plants in Bihar.

(b) The quantity of crude oil processed in the Refinery and LPG filled in the Bottling Plants during the last three years is as under:-